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34. The switching equipment according to claim 30 wherein after determining a new connecting path on the basis of the network data stored in the first memory and before storing the determined connecting path in the second memory, the control unit temporarily increases the maximum plurality of connecting paths that can be stored in the second memory when the control unit finds that a plurality of connecting paths corresponding to the maximum plurality has already been previously stored in the second memory.

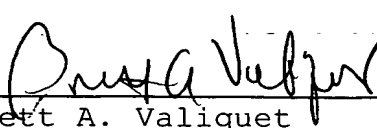
REMARKS

The specification, drawings, and abstract have been amended in accordance with U. S. practice, and for improved readability and clarity.

Also, new claims drawn in accordance with U.S. practice, but based on the PCT prosecuted claims are also submitted herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for the Examiner's review.

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